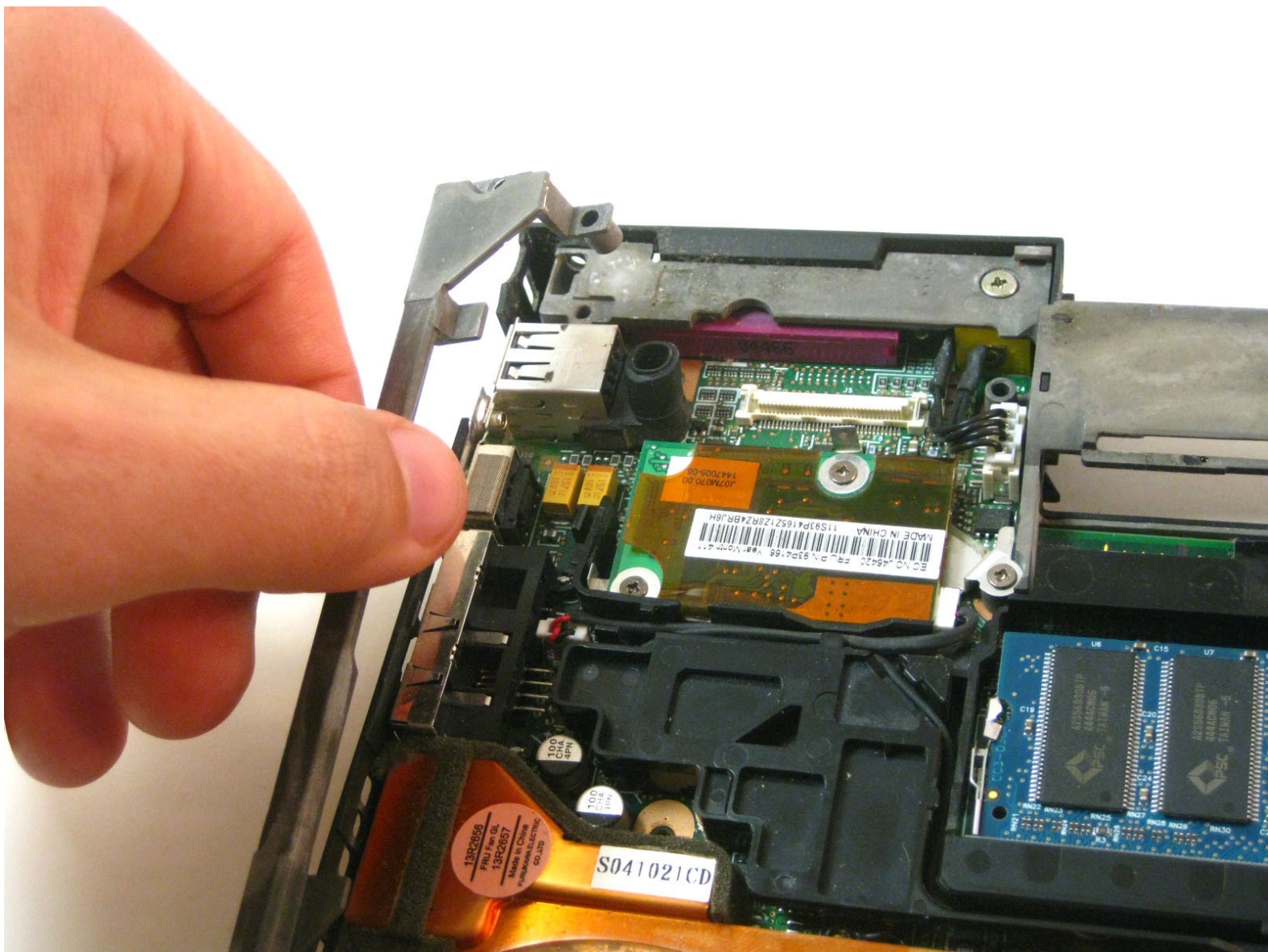




# Disassembling IBM ThinkPad T42 Lower Bracket

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## INTRODUCTION

The lower bracket needs to be removed to get to some components of the laptop.

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### TOOLS:

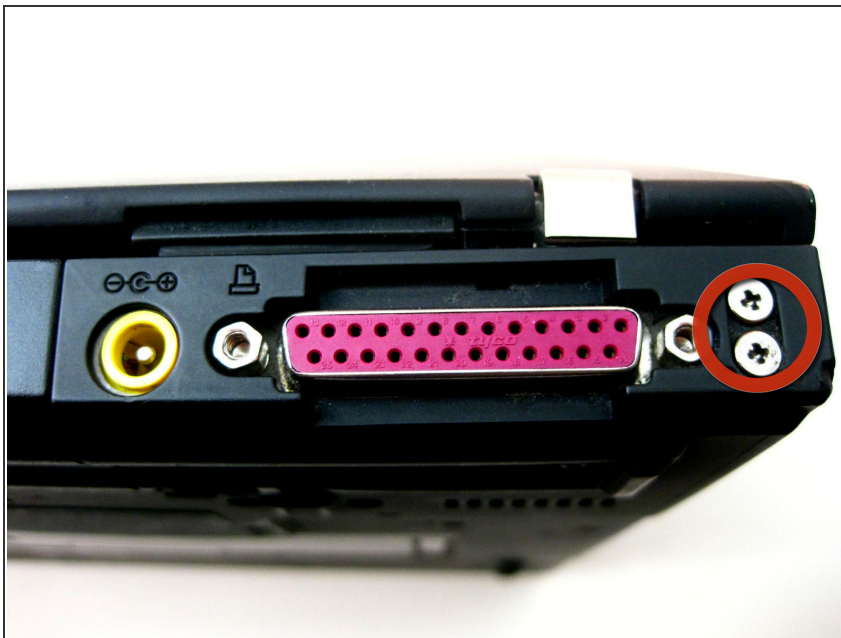
- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Rear Cover



- Unscrew the following screws on the underside of the T42.
- Note: for ease of reassembly, keep track of which screws go where.

## Step 2



- Unscrew the 4 screws on either side of the rear end of the laptop.

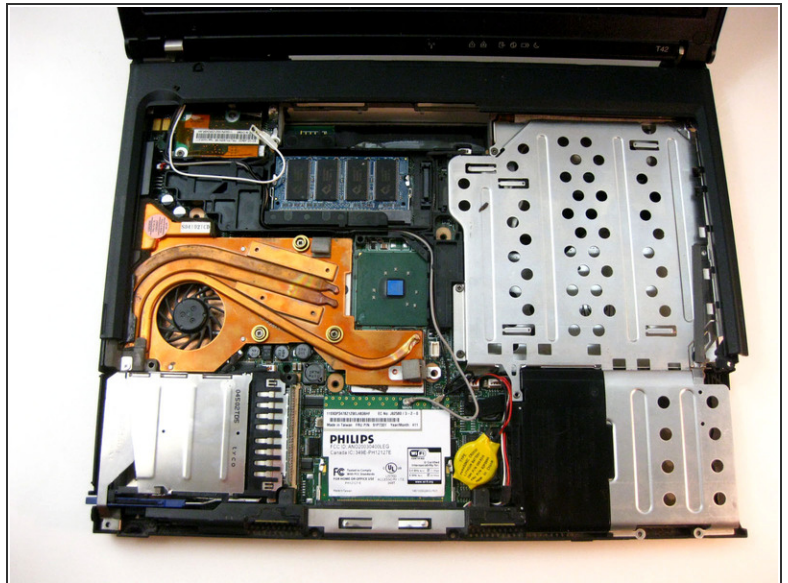
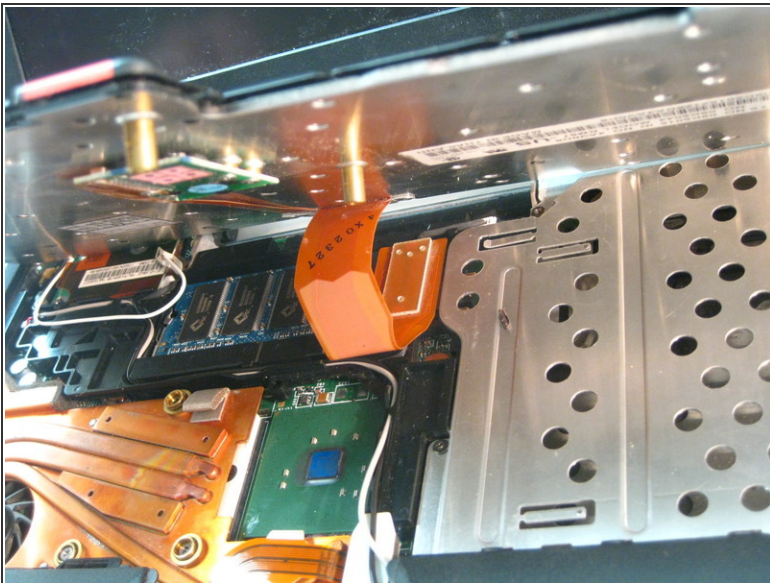


## Step 3 — Keyboard and Trackpad



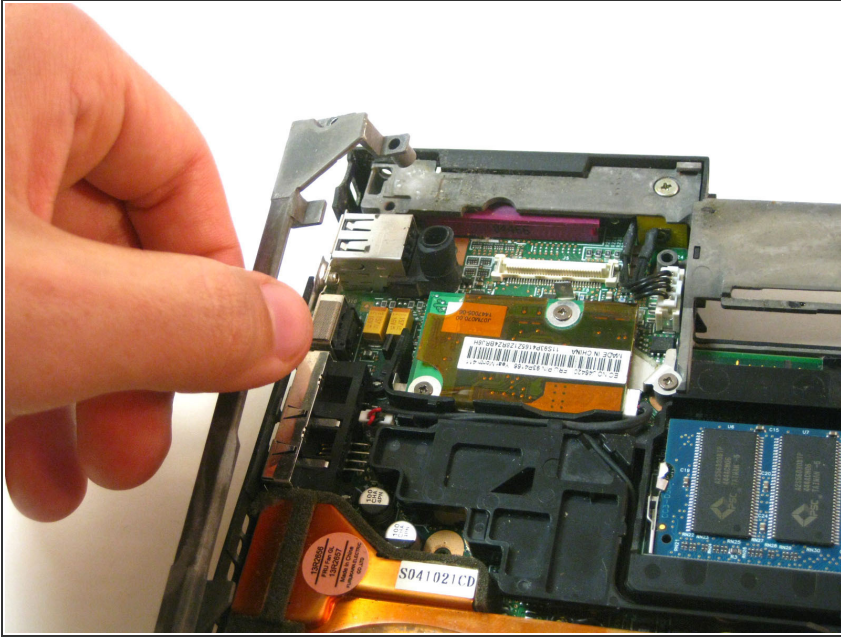
- Flip the laptop over and open the display carefully - the keyboard, palm rest and bezel will be loose.

## Step 4



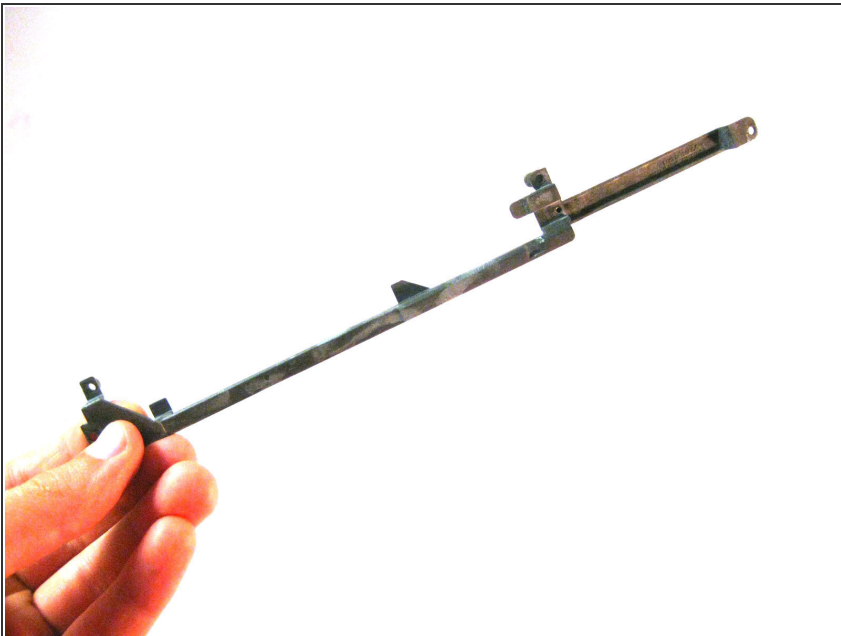
- Maneuver the palm rest away from the keyboard carefully, both the keyboard and palm rest/trackpad will come off together.
- **\*\*WARNING\*\*** Both the keyboard and trackpad have connectors to the motherboard. Disconnect these before completely removing either component.

## Step 5 — Lower Bracket



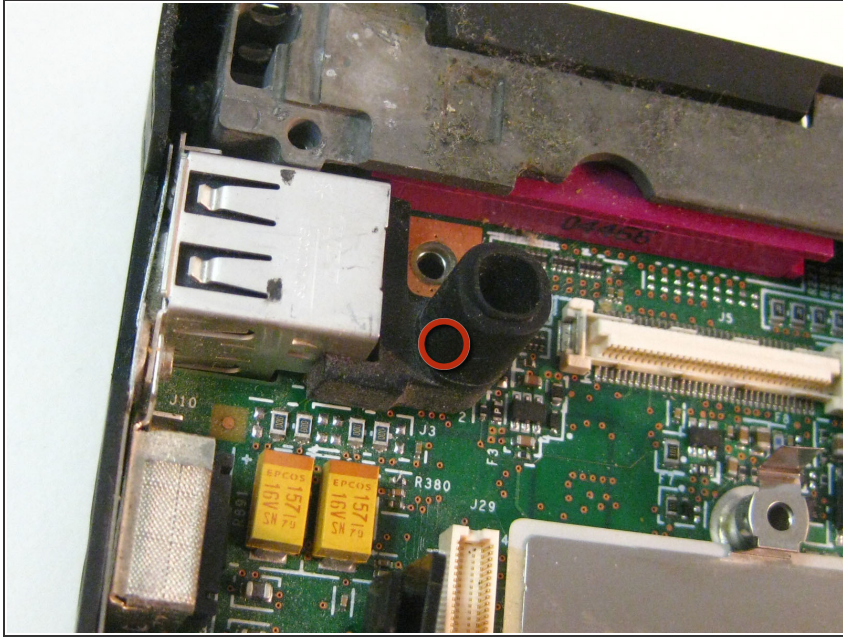
- The bracket will be free to move.

## Step 6



- Remove the bracket.

## Step 7



- Then remove the small rubber piece covering the microphone.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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